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▶ Driver Rae Croteau Jr., right, guides his team around the second barrel during chuckwagon racing action at the 2010 Calgary Stampede.

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New rules after horses killed

The Calgary Stampede is bringing in new rules for chuckwagon races, following the death of six horses last year. Stampede vice-president Paul Rosenberg says the changes will make the sport safer for both animals and humans.

Southwest blaze claims one life

Victim was found unconscious near the fire scene {page 3}

Roughnecks GM calls out city

Nenshi says he was unaware of team's struggle {page 4}

Budget to keep Alta. rolling

- Stelmach believes infrastructure spending can't wait
- Report issued by Parkland Institute agrees, saying spending not out of whack given province's population

Alberta is expected to deliver a budget that reaffirms unrivalled spending on roads, hospitals and schools despite a bottom line stuck in red ink.

Premier Ed Stelmach's government says the plan shows steely resolve in rocky times, while critics liken it to pie-eyed sailors on shore leave.

"The time to build is when the cost of building is less," Infrastructure Minister Ray Danyluk said yesterday.

It's the most spending per capita in Canada, he added.

"This is the opportune time."

Finance Minister Lloyd Snelgrove's budget today is expected to include another $7 billion in capital spending. It will be the second instalment of a three-year, $20-billion plan to shore up infrastructure that was left to lag in the oil-boom years while the province's population soared to 3.7 million.

Stelmach has already signalled the 2011-12 financial document will include a third-consecutive deficit on top of a $5-billion shortfall this year.

The Wildrose Alliance and the Alberta Liberals suggest infrastructure money should be stretched out for two additional years to help the government's wallet.

"We're spending double on infrastructure of any other province, which is quite a feat when you consider Vancouver just had the Olympics," said Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith.

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Liberal perspective

- Liberal Leader David Swann said infrastructure doesn't have to carry all the burden to balance the budget.
- He said his party would, among other targets, halve the government's controversial $2-billion carbon capture and storage plan and axe the government's communications arm to free up $1.6 billion.

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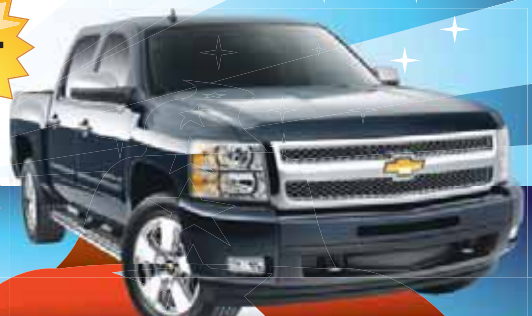

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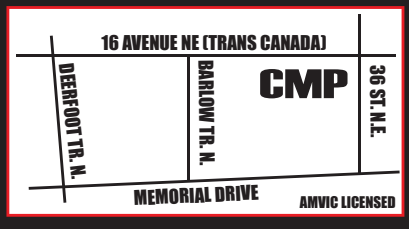

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Soocer group kicks off bid for funding

With the city asking for input on the upcoming budget process, Calgary soccer parents plan to make their pitch for financial support.

In a mass email to parents across the city, the Calgary Minor Soccer Association encouraged the sport's community to attend open-house budget talks this week.

"Calgary is extremely far behind in infrastructure development," said CMSA executive director Daryl Leinweber. "And our concern is that soccer is going to be left out again.

"We need to be able to change that, and I think it's through the participation in this forum that there's an opportunity to do that."

He said roughly 12,000 youth indoor soccer players are competing on seven fields, while there are more than 55 hockey rinks in Calgary.

The CMSA has outlined a $115-million five-year plan and Leinweber said he hopes to see the city fund the majority of that cost.

Tim White, a soccer parent and coach of the under-14 Blizzards, said funding for all five years is a lofty goal but that the city should help build a permanent structure in the southwest to replace the fields that were lost when a soccer dome collapsed in November.

"Even if we get one foot on the ladder it would really improve things from where we're at," he said.

The open-house forums began last night and will be held through Saturday.

KATIE TURNER

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▶ Damage is evident on the exterior of a home that caught fire in Calgary's southwest yesterday.

Man dies after southwest fire

Crews pull man from burning building, attempt to resuscitate him
Arson unit has been called in to assist investigation

After being pulled by firefighters from a burning home in the southwest, a Calgary man died of his injuries yesterday afternoon.

The victim, who neighbours identified as Rob Basaraba, was found unconscious near the fire. It had engulfed much of the main level of a home in the 1800 block of 15th Street SW when crews arrived shortly after 10 a.m., spokesperson Brian McAsey said.

"When they got him out originally, I believe he wasn't showing any vital signs, so they worked on him for a while with EMS," McAsey said, adding the fire was called in by Basaraba's brother, who lives across the street.

Crews believed they had resuscitated the victim, but he later died in hospital, according to Calgary police.

Nearby resident Ron Fraser and his wife, Irene, said they had known Basaraba since moving to the community in 1962, describing him as a quiet man who lived alone.

"We spoke to his mother a while ago, and they had taken him to the hospital," Ron said.

"He kept to himself, never bothered anybody."

JEREMY NOLAIS AND KATIE TURNER

Details

- Basaraba's mother, who lives next door, was reached at home but declined comment.
- An autopsy is scheduled for today.
- McAsey said it could take up to 72 hours to determine the cause of the fire.

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City to blame: Roughnecks GM

Mayor's office says it was unaware of squad's struggle ◗ Time limit of a month set to sort out team's money troubles ◗ City and team to meet

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The Calgary Roughnecks owner and general manager pulled no punches yesterday in describing the team's plight — even targeting city hall for not supporting his franchise.

One day after issuing an open letter to the media stating the lacrosse team would not make it through the season without financial assistance, Brad Banister said support within the city needs to come from the top down.

"I don't think the City of Calgary has a pair of season tickets," he said. "I don't think the mayor has even been to a lacrosse game. That's the kind of support we need."

Banister said he sent a letter to city hall a month ago and was told he "could get an appointment at the end of March."

That's not soon enough, he said.

But a statement from Mayor Naheed Nenshi's office issued late yesterday said the city was unaware of the Roughnecks' financial struggles.

"Although I have not yet received any detailed information on the situation, I am very happy to meet with the team's administration to discuss their needs," Nenshi said.

"My office is co-ordinating with theirs to set up such a meeting shortly."

Kaleb Toth, a longtime Roughneck and the team's player-association rep, said the news has definitely rattled his teammates, who were informed over the weekend they would not be receiving their paycheques on time.

"It's what we love to do, and there's a great possibility we aren't going to be able to do it anymore in Calgary," he said.

Rough times

Roughnecks owner and general manager Brad Banister estimated the Roughnecks need to find $400,000-$500,000 to make it through the season.

- **Banister** declined yesterday to discuss specifics of a possible sale to the Calgary Flames.
- **The Roughnecks** lease arena time at the Saddledome from the Flames.

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▶ Brad Banister said not being able to give his players their paycheques over the weekend "was the hardest thing I have ever had to do."

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Mason calls for a debate on donations

CAMPAIGN FUNDS. Alberta NDP leader Brian Mason wants an emergency debate on campaign donations.

"We're at a critical moment when Albertans should be able to expect accountability from leadership candidates," he said in a release.

"It could be years before Albertans get the transparency they deserve if we don't have this debate now."

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Alberta cop beaten during arrest attempt

LETHBRIDGE POLICE. A southern Alberta police officer is in hospital with serious head injuries from a severe beating he received during an attempt to arrest two men.

Lethbridge police said the constable had bleeding on the brain, a broken nose and cheekbone and several cuts.

He was initially taken to hospital in Lethbridge but was transferred to Calgary for further treatment.

A spokesman said it's unusual for an officer to be so badly hurt during an arrest.

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Accused war criminal's bail hearing put off

LOCKDOWN. A bail hearing in Calgary for a man accused of war crimes in Guatemala has been delayed until tomorrow.

Jorge Sosa, who is 52, was scheduled to appear in court but a lockdown at the Calgary Remand Centre prevented his appearance.

His lawyer said it would take several hours to make bail arguments, so it was best to set the case over.

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Calgary traffic fatalities down for a second year

Increased police presence and enforcement are being touted as the major reasons behind a second straight year of fewer traffic fatalities in Calgary.

In all, 24 people lost their lives on Calgary roads in 2010, up slightly from the 22 deaths in 2009 but still well below the average of 44 deaths between 2006-2008.

"People know that we're out there," said Const. Jim Lebedeff of the traffic unit. "I myself was out there in - 30 C last week with a laser."

Lebedeff cited the introduction of speed-on-green cameras, increased traffic congestion, seat-belt compliance and improvements in vehicle manufacturing as other factors in the reduction of fatalities.

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A total of 24 people were killed on Calgary roads last year, far fewer than in past years.

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BULLYING

Shades of pink take over city

Pink popped up around the city yesterday in support of the commitment to stop bullying.

Hundreds of youth and adults with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary, along with community partners, came together to raise awareness about the dangers of bullying during Pink Shirt Day. The event took place across the country.

The pink shirt is a symbol that bullying won't be tolerated, said Sylvia Whitworth, manager of fund development for Calgary Boys and Girls Clubs.

"I think why it's so important is that we recognize a lot of the kids we serve are victims of bullying," she said. "Bullying can stop but everyone is an important player."

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Jackpot ticket still out there

Ticket number 45865 can be traded in for the $76,000 jackpot for the Heritage Classic 50/50 ticket, but no one has come forward to date.

If unclaimed for another 30 days, the money will simply go to another 50/50 draw, according to reports.

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Home a target in invasion

Details have emerged in a Calgary southeast home invasion Tuesday morning. Police now say a victim inside a home in the 8000 block of 20A Street SE was tied up, and thieves stole up to a dozen weapons inside the residence.

Police say the residence was targeted.

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Raising money for a library in Mexico

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▶ Vice-president of the Dawn of Tomorrow Foundation Chau Yo, left, and volunteer Rachel Quong began fundraising for the charity in high school and have continued into their first year of university.

Students selling books at Eau Claire Market until Saturday

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For many college kids, reading week doesn't actually involve much reading, but a group of local students will be spending the next few days surrounded by books.

In grade 11, Ana Angela Lopez and Chau Yo, both 18, began a charity called the Dawn of Tomorrow with the hope of building a library in the Mexican village of Pilcaya.

"When I was little, I travelled to Mexico and I got to experience how the education was there. I went to classrooms and I found out there weren't any computers or books, so I kind of went into shock," said Lopez, who is now a student at the University of Calgary.

Lopez said her mom is from Pilcaya and her parents own a piece of land in the village, which they have donated to be used as the location for a new library.

"We always went to the library and we felt like it was something that would be great if everyone had the same opportunities, so we came up with the idea of building the library," said Yo, who is attending university in Edmonton.

The group will be selling books from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Saturday at Eau Claire.

Book collection

▶ **Storage** The students have been collecting books for the last two years and storing them in the homes of friends throughout Calgary.

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Decking Bow's halls with art

Encana offers exposure, cash in exchange for ACAD work College says project will give artists' creations 'a lot of profile' on display at Bow

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Some of Calgary's budding artists have been offered the opportunity to spruce up the city's largest building.

Through a partnership with energy giant, Encana, Alberta College of Art & Design students and alumni — from the past three years — can submit their work to a gallery showing later this year for a chance to be displayed in the office space of The Bow building.

The prospect of gaining exposure by becoming part of Encana's permanent display has certainly attracted the attention of fourth-year ACAD student Stephanie Murray.

"It's the kind of opportunity where you don't know what will come of it ... but people should definitely go for it," said the 21-year-old, who plans to submit some drawings for consideration.

ACAD's vice-president, Shane Smith said the idea came about during discussions with Encana a few months ago.

"We thought this might be a great way to not only highlight what they are doing here in the city, with the building and its architecture, but also some of the arts and cultures that we have got in the province — particularly the visual arts here at ACAD," he said.

Smith described Encana as a "major player" and said the recognition gained from the project could greatly influence an artists' ability to sell other work.

Encana spokesperson Alan Boras said the organization feels it is important to work in partnership with local groups like ACAD as it establishes a recognizable landmark in the downtown core.

"We certainly are working to be a part of the communities we operate in," he noted.

Working art

ACAD students have until Friday to indicate their intent to submit for the Encana project and until April 1 to hand in their final creations.

- **Encana will maintain** first right of refusal at The Bow gallery showing. However, other guests will also be on hand to purchase art, with half the proceeds going to local group Inn From the Cold.
- **Students will earn** $2,000 for each piece selected and recoup up to $500 for material costs in relation to their submissions.

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▶ A local artist prepares a piece for consideration at The Bow gallery. Encana is looking to pay local artists to produce art for its new big new building.

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Guessing the gown

London Fashion Week has ended, the carnival is moving on to Paris and Milan, yet there remains no clarity on the pressing issue of the day: Who, exactly, is designing Kate Middleton's wedding gown?

Some of the people who are not designing the dress stepped forward after their London catwalk shows to say so — including punk priestess Vivienne Westwood and Christopher Bailey of Burberry — but no one has come forward to say they are the one.

More surprisingly, perhaps, the word has not leaked out. A few hundred journalists, several dozen designers and legions of overdressed fashion types have just spent six days together drinking in the gossipy fashion world and still no one seems to have spilled the beans.

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Somali pirates vow to kill more

Pirates react to 33-year sentencing of fellow Somali ▶ Kill 4 U.S. captives

Following a hostage standoff that left four Americans dead, pirates in Somalia threatened to kill more captives.

Pirates said they are ferrying ammunition and men to the 30 hijacked vessels under their control.

The FBI is investigating the killings of Phyllis Macay and Bob Riggle of Seattle, Wash., and Jean and Scott Adam of Marina del Rey, Calif., who had made their home aboard their 58-foot yacht Quest since December 2004.

The U.S. military said 15 pirates detained after the Americans were slain Tuesday could face trial in the United States.

The military, FBI and Justice Department are working on next steps for those pirates, currently being held on a U.S. aircraft carrier in the waters off East Africa, said Bob Prucha, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command in Florida.

A pirate aboard the hijacked yacht Quest fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a U.S. warship responding to last Friday's hijacking. Gunfire broke out, and when navy special forces reached the Quest they found the four American hostages had been shot and killed.

"They cried when we captured them ... and asked us to release them because they were too old and couldn't endure captivity."

A PIRATE WHO GAVE HIS NAME ONLY AS HASSAN

The pirates were believed to be disgruntled fishermen angry that international trawlers were illegally fishing Somalia's waters. Now criminal gangs dominate the piracy trade.

"What we're seeing is that because of the business model the pirates have adopted is so lucrative that you're now getting organized criminal gangs involved, as opposed to fishermen who just decided to have a go at piracy," said Wing Cmdr. Paddy O'Kennedy, spokesman for the EU's anti-piracy force.

"Criminal gangs are more violent than your average fisherman who's turned to piracy," O'Kennedy said.

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▶ This undated photo provided by the Del Rey Yacht Club shows Scott and Jean Adam of Marina del Rey, Calif., who were killed by pirates Tuesday after being taken hostage several hundred miles south of Oman.

Britain to couples: Try to work it out

Separating couples will be ordered to try mediation to resolve disputes over their breakup before heading to court, Britain said.

It's a move aimed at reducing the number of people who end up embroiled in costly divorce battles.

Justice Minister Jonathan Djanogly said too many divorce cases are coming before judges, straining Britain's legal system and costing individuals — and in some cases the government — hefty fees. The new plan begins in April.

"Nearly every time I ask someone if their stressful divorce battle through the courts was worth it, their answer is no," Djanogly said.

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114,000
Figures for 2009 show there were 114,000 divorces in England and Wales.

Roll up your change for Tim's

The price of your morning double-double may be headed up this year as the cost of coffee climbs higher, Tim Hortons' CEO said yesterday as the company reported its latest quarterly earnings.

Don Schroeder, president and chief executive of the chain, said the cost of coffee is about twice where it was in June last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A poultry slate of programming

Starting Monday, Swiss Chalet fires up a constant televised loop of 12 roasters turning on a spit to promote the chain.

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Feds over the moon to build rover

The federal government has announced plans to spend up to $500,000 to study the construction of a made-in-Canada moon rover.

It's now soliciting bids for the study.

The goal of the microrover would be to explore rough terrain on the moon, unreachable by astronauts or by larger lunar dune buggies.

It would be used as a stand-alone system or in combination with its bigger brothers.

This represents the latest step in the Canadian Space Agency's strategy to move from robotic arms to developing rovers that will be scurrying around the moon, Mars and beyond.

The agency is already working on developing two large lunar rover prototypes, each of which has a budget of $11 million.

The two rovers could be upgraded to actually carry astronauts — and not just do scientific exploration.

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News in brief

▶ Seif al-Islam Gadhafi

Gadhafi's son takes a hit

LIBYA. According to secret diplomatic cables released yesterday by WikiLeaks, Moammar Gadhafi's son Seif al-Islam Gadhafi cultivated a respectable image and had locals rallying for him to be heir-apparent. However, that image may have been destroyed earlier this week when he went on TV to threaten anti-government protesters with civil war if they persisted.

The cables reveal Gadhafi's children were increasingly engaged in covering up scandals.

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Chemical fears put to rest

LIBYA. Moammar Gadhafi is keeping his word to destroy his chemical stockpile and has no weapon to deliver a chemical payload, a UN watchdog group said yesterday.

Fears that the regime will use chemical weapons are rampant among protesters facing Gadhafi's supporters.

But the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons indicated the use of chemical weapons was unlikely.

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Saudi leaders buy loyalty

SAUDI ARABIA. The government of Saudi Arabia tried to get ahead of potential unrest in the oil-rich country yesterday by announcing an unprecedented economic package that will provide Saudis interest-free home loans, unemployment assistance and sweeping debt forgiveness.

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Foreign citizens flee Libya by boatload

Thousands evacuated on ships, planes amid deadly protests

Foreigners fled the chaos in Libya by the thousands yesterday, with Americans and Turks climbing aboard ships, Europeans boarding evacuation flights and North Africans racing to border crossings in overcrowded vans.

Two Turkish ships whisked 3,000 citizens away from the unrest engulfing Libya as Turkey cranked up its largest-ever evacuation, seeking to protect an estimated 25,000 Turkish workers in Libya.

Hundreds of Americans boarded a ferry at Tripoli's As-shahab port for the journey to Malta, a an island south of Italy.

Over a dozen countries sent planes in to help their citizens escape an increasingly unstable situation.

Moammar Gadhafi has urged his supporters to strike back against pro-democracy protesters, escalating a crackdown that has led to widespread shooting in the streets. Nearly 300 people have been killed.

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▶ Hundreds of Turkish citizens in Libya wait to board a ship.

Canadians evacuated from Tripoli

A boatload of Canadians have been evacuated from Tripoli, Libya.

Dimitri Soudas, spokesman for Prime Minister Stephen Harper, sent out a tweet about the evacuation.

Meanwhile, a spokeswoman for Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon said final arrangements have been made for an evacuation flight for Canadians today.

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Quake rescuers expect worst as search goes on

List of missing remains in hundreds, including those who left town without notifying family

Rescuers broadened their search of collapsed buildings in New Zealand's quake-shattered city of Christchurch on Thursday, as hopes faded of finding any more survivors in the hardest-hit office blocks downtown.

Police said that up to 120 bodies may still lie trapped in one of those buildings alone, though it was impossible to know the exact numbers caught in the tangled wreckage of concrete and steel that was the Canterbury Television building.

The official death toll from Tuesday's 6.3-magnitude temblor stood at 98, based on the number of bodies that have been recovered from throughout the city and brought to a special morgue, and the missing were listed at 238.

"We know there are more bodies yet to be recovered and we are in the process of doing that," police Supt. Dave Cliff told a news conference Thursday.

Prime Minister John Key has declared the quake a national disaster and analysts estimate its cost at up to $12 billion.

Hundreds of foreign specialists — from the U.S., Britain, Japan, Singapore and Taiwan — arrived in Christchurch to bolster local police and soldiers, allowing teams to head further afield to smaller buildings not yet checked. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Resignation

The rescue effort had been concentrating on two office towers in downtown Christchurch that crumbled to the ground when the temblor struck.

At one of them, the Canterbury Television building, police said Tuesday they had given up hope of finding any more survivors and the work going on there was recovery, not rescue.

Beached. Whale

▶ Keith Wilkins, right, helps a rescuer keep a 12-foot adult pygmy sperm whale stabilized.

JENNIFER REYNOLDS/THE GALVESTON COUNTY DAILY NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wayward whale receives care

Keith Wilkins and his daughter Allison, of Forney, Texas, discovered the beached whale during a walk on the beach in Galveston, Texas, yesterday. Staff with the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network took the whale to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration facility on the island.

Mom finds tot petting gator

After floodwaters receded from her home, a Brazilian woman was shocked to find a most unwelcome house guest: A five-foot alligator lying tamely in the living room as her three-year-old son petted the reptile's head.

The animal apparently was washed inside by the high water Monday night, said Luiz Claudio Farias, a captain of firefighters in the north-central city of Parauapebas.

When the woman went to clean up the following day, she saw the boy playing with something behind the couch, Farias said.

It turned out to be a gator.

"She snatched the boy away and called us," he said.

Farias said it was lucky the reptile apparently wasn't in the mood for a meal.

"If he was hungry, he could have seriously hurt or even killed the boy," he said.

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Family lives in cage

Metal fence surrounds Palestinian house in Jewish West Bank settlement U.S. vetoed Security Council resolution that would make such settlements illegal

The al-Ghirayib family lives in one of the stranger manifestations of Israel's 43-year occupation of the West Bank: a Palestinian house inside a metal cage inside an Israeli settlement.

The family's 10 members, four of them children, can only reach the house via a 40-metre passageway connecting them to the Arab village of Beit Ija farther down a hill.

The passageway passes over a road used by Israeli army jeeps and is lined on both sides with an eight-metre heavy-duty metal fence. The same fence rings the simple one-story house, separating it from the surrounding settlement houses.

Some of those dwellings are so close that the family can hear the insults shouted by a nearby Jewish neighbour.

"The Americans have chosen to be alone in disrupting the internationally backed Palestinian efforts."
PALESTINIAN PRIME MINISTER SALAM FAYYAD, AFTER THE U.S. REFUSED TO RATIFY A UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

While al-Ghirayibs' situation is unusual, Palestinians say it reflects the pressures put on their communities by Israel's more than 120 West Bank settlements.

The Palestinian Authority has refused to hold peace talks with Israel while settlement construction continues. The latest round of talks collapsed over the settlement issue in September, only three weeks after starting.

Some 500,000 Israelis live in the West Bank and east Jerusalem, occupied territories claimed by the Palestinians for a future state.

This week, the Palestinians directed their anger toward the United States after it vetoed a resolution before the UN Security Council condemning the settlements as "illegal."

The U.S. said it opposes settlements, but that peace talks are the only way to resolve such issues. The council's 14 other members voted for the measure.

Ahead of the vote, Fayyad visited the home with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay, who commented: "This is an inhuman life they have."

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▶ A corridor leads to the fenced-in house of the al-Ghirayib family between the Jewish settlement of Givon HaHadasha and the West Bank village of Beit Ija.

Barrier isolates family home

The settlement of Givon HaHadasha was founded in the early 1980s. Today, it's home to some 1,100 Jewish settlers, some of their homes no more than two dozen steps from the al-Ghirayib home.

In 2005, the army built a section of its West Bank separation barrier near the settlement. The home was the only one in the village on the settlement side of the barrier. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tough-on-crime act survives first legal fight

Ruling upholds law's limit on sentencing credit available to offenders held in pre-trial custody

A key plank in the federal Conservatives' law-and-order agenda survived a constitutional challenge yesterday as an Ontario judge ruled the government's sentencing law is valid.

The Truth in Sentencing Act, which came into effect last year, did away with the two-for-one credit offenders received for time served before their sentence.

Instead, judges must limit credit to one for one or, if circumstances justify it, up to a maximum of one and a half days' credit.

Lawyers for a man who pleaded guilty to cocaine trafficking argued the law was unconstitutional because it infringes on charter rights to liberty.

But Ontario Court Justice Melvyn Green dismissed the challenge, ruling the law passes constitutional muster because judges have the discretion to assign credit.

The challenge was believed to be the first targeting the legislation.

Though their bid failed, defence lawyers believe the decision sets a precedent that will make time-and-a-half credit the norm.

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Rationale

- Two-for-one credit had generally been applied to reflect the idea that remand facilities are harsher environments than correctional facilities and lack educational and rehabilitation programs.
- **Some hope** the decision will change sentencing across Canada.

Mandela. Sculpted

▶ A man looks at a new giant wooden bust of Nelson Mandela.

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Man-made Mandela

The sculpture of Nelson Mandela stands in Essen, western Germany. Artist Jems Robert Koko Bi from the Ivory Coast says the statue is supposed to stand for the fight for freedom.

News in brief

C-Tire to sell online again

TORONTO. Canadian Tire will resume selling products online this year starting with tires. The retailer had withdrawn from e-commerce, saying customers were well served by its stores. The news came on the same day European-based Tire and Co. said it will begin selling tires online in Canada. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Pay hike for TD boss

TORONTO. The chief executive of TD Bank Group got an eight per cent raise last year, returning his salary to above pre-recession levels. Ed Clark earned $11.3 million in compensation in 2010, up from $10.5 million the year before. TD says robust performance in its retail business helped bring about a strong recovery in 2010. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

We're all mad for iPad

NEW YORK. Apple Inc. is expected to unveil the second-generation iPad in San Francisco next week. The event on March 2 is nearly a year to the day after the first iPad went on sale. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Joe Fresh takes Manhattan

TORONTO. Joe Fresh will open its first U.S. store this fall on New York City's Fifth Avenue, says Loblaw Cos. Ltd. The first standalone Joe Fresh store opened last fall in Vancouver. Loblaw says it plans to open 20 nationwide. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Oil shock may stall recovery

Instability in Middle East could spur higher gas prices, other spending that creates jobs and stimulates growth

Political crisis in the Middle East and the resulting spike in oil prices is a new and potentially serious risk to the fragile global economic recovery, economists believe.

Already troubled by a sharp rise in food prices, analysts are warning that the recovery could be stalled if oil prices rocket past $100 US a barrel and stay there for months.

They note that high oil prices have been a feature in the past three recessions, including the last one when oil hit more than $140 US months before the collapse.

For Canada, such an event would be both a blessing and curse, bringing greater prosperity to oil-exporting regions such as Alberta, and greater misery to manufacturing hubs Ontario and Quebec.

▶ Despite soaring oil prices, analysts say the cost to fill up should remain stable because gasoline in Canada is made from crude produced within our own borders.

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The key issue is not so much how high oil will go, but how long it will stay high. "If we see a situation where oil remains over $100 for a number of months, that will definitely have an impact on consumer spending, consumer confidence," said Benjamin Tal, a senior economist with CIBC World Markets.

"Some might say a recession. I don't think so, but it will definitely slow down the economy." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Black gold

- The price of oil briefly surged to **$101.01 US** a barrel yesterday before backing off to $98.10 US. It was the first time oil surpassed the $100 threshold since the recession hit in October 2008.
- **Trade Minister Peter Van** Loan says Ottawa is watching the situation "carefully," but notes Canada is one of the world's most stable and reliable sources of energy and is well positioned to benefit from these resources.

Market moment

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DEPRESSION IS NO LAUGHING MATTER

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE

I think it's important to fight depression — not only to help people but also to save us from cryptic status updates with sad song lyrics in them.

I've been there. You're convinced life is hopeless and before long you're telling your Facebook friends that all we are is dust in the wind.

This does no good to you or your friends because some will be annoyed that you've gone emo, while others will miss your mood altogether and start a thread with comments saying, "DUDE!!! I LOVE THAT SONG!!!"

For the previous three years, I was depressed — neither the kind of depression you get when you spill coffee on your laptop and sigh a lot nor the kind where you lose a promising relationship and have a long talk with Alexander Keith.

No, it was the kind of depression where you find life big and painful and decide you should just stay in bed until there's peace in the Middle East.

At one point I literally stayed in bed for a month, save for breaks to take a shower. I was such a drag that the bedbugs said, "All right — we're out of here."

I'm better now, though I still see a therapist. I've seen a few in the last three years — starting with a guy who cocked his eyebrow like a Vulcan when I said I worked in comedy. If it had been an '80s sitcom, he would have pushed the intercom button and said, "Cancel my three o'clock."

"Comedians are like country singers. If we were 100 per cent happy, we'd lose our ability to write anything. But I still wanted to be, say, 75 per cent happy ..."

Comedians are like country singers. If we were 100 per cent happy, we'd lose our ability to write anything.

But I still wanted to be, say, 75 per cent happy, so I mustered enough energy to find a friend and a job, and that nascent support system grew on its own till I felt lifted up.

Feeling better about myself, I forwent the cryptic status update recently and wrote on Facebook directly: I had been depressed, had hated myself, had gotten help, and if you feel the same way, you should get help too.

And, much to my amazement, people did.

So, with a (hopefully) wider audience, let me say it again: If you're depressed, there is nothing to be ashamed of, any more than you would be ashamed of a broken arm. Seek help.

After all, if Facebook can be a practical force for good, there's hope for everything.

Read more of John Mazerolle's columns at metronews.ca/hesays

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Worth mentioning

Happiness is a warm gun

Arizona, where a gunman killed six people last month, is moving to proclaim a state gun.

The state senate appropriations committee voted 9-4 early yesterday to go ahead with the bill, which has 43 sponsors, the Associated Press reported.

In a state already criticized for lax gun laws, the legislators want to honour the 19th-century Colt Single Action Army revolver because it was instrumental in "settling the Arizona Territory."

On Tuesday, new photographs were released of Jared Loughner, who is accused of opening fire at a community event Jan. 8, killing six people and injuring others, including Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who is recovering from a bullet to her head.

The bill notes Arizona already has a state fossil (petrified wood); a state bird (the cactus wren); a state flower (the pure white waxy flower of the Saguaro cactus); a state tree (the Palo Verde); state neckwear (the bola tie); a state gemstone (turquoise); state animals (the ringtail, the Arizona ridgenose rattlesnake, the Arizona trout and the Arizona tree frog); a state insect (the two-tailed swallowtail butterfly); and a state nickname (the Grand Canyon State).

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Metro Minute at home, garden show

This weekend Calgary homeowners can learn everything from how to install relaxing ponds in their backyards to the cost benefits of growing vegetables in the summer at Stampede Park.

Starting today at noon and running through the weekend, the Calgary Home + Garden Show will feature more than 650 exhibitors, as well as celebrities and experts.

Admission to the show is $14 for adults, $11 for seniors and children aged 13-17, and free for those younger than 12. Attendees can save $3 by purchasing their tickets online at calgaryhomeshow.com. A full list of exhibitors and attractions is also available online. METRO

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▶ Bryan Baeumler, host of HGTV's Disaster DIY, will be one of many celebrities on hand at the Calgary Home + Garden Show.

2 scene

Wine & cheese, yes please

The Calgary WineFest is a great way to try out new wines without having to buy a full bottle Ask the experts on how to pick the best vintages

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JENNIFER LARAWAY
METRO CALGARY

Wine. Food. All-inclusive. Probably the three best words in the English language. That's what $75 gets you this weekend at the Calgary WineFest. The only catch: you can't buy tickets at the door and you have to be over 18. Get them while you can from celebratewinefest.com. Tickets include admission to the BMO Centre on Stampede Park, wine sampling, fancy cracker-based treats and a free Riedel wine glass. Heck yes!

Who wouldn't want this week's hottest ticket in town featuring 12 of the world's most celebrated wine regions up for the sampling?! But you better hurry up — the Friday and Saturday sessions are already sold out, leaving tonight as your last chance to tip a few back.

This "try-before-you-buy" concept takes on a whole new meaning when it comes to wine. I always find it's a crap shoot in the liquor store picking something affordable that you hope won't taste as thought it's been mixed with gasoline. Usually, I go with the prettiest bottle. It hasn't always worked out in my favour, such is the metaphor for life — hey guys? Luckily, there is a wealth of experts on hand who will walk you through the wine selection process. They go over everything from what you put together for dinner to what your favourite dessert is so you can have the best wine to compliment the flavours.

This year's event has everything from port to sparkling and dessert wines. If that wasn't enough to tempt your taste buds, there are delicious hors d'euvres, including gourmet cheeses, olives and chocolates to sample in between glasses of liquid heaven. Plus they have some killer door prizes.

Each week Metro gives you a heads-up on some of the hottest tickets and biggest event personalities this city has to offer. Join the conversation on Twitter with @mediamindjen or to submit an upcoming event email: entertainmentcalgary@metro.ca.

Wine facts

- **Aroma.** The smell of young wine is called an "aroma" while a more mature wine is considered a "bouquet".
- **Sex.** An Italian study says women who drink two glasses of wine a day have better sex than those who don't drink at all.
- **Grapes.** When it comes to acres planted, wine grapes rank number one amongst the world's fruit crops.

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▶ Get your fill at one of the year's most popular events.

Scene in brief

Alyssa Milano is becoming a mom. A spokeswoman for Milano says the 38-year-old actress is expecting her first child with husband David Bugliari. She and Bugliari, who is an agent with Creative Artists Agency, were married in August 2009.

Milano starred in TV's Who's the Boss? and Charmed.

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Flashpoint, Less Than Kind, Barney's Version vie for screenwriting awards

Meet and greet with media types

Ever wonder how all those stories get covered by the news each day? How do the reporters find out about the stories or get those interviews? Well tonight, you can ask them yourself at Calgary' first Meet the Media night. Held at Mango Shiva (218 - 8 Ave. SW) from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. It's a tweet-up of sorts hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Calgary and area in partnership with the restaurant.

With more people connecting online than ever before, this event takes those relationships and puts a face to a name. Anyone in public relations, marketing, or media will tell you the value of getting to know your client. Plus, if you are looking for work in the field, this is a great way to get an edge on the competition. But, since it originated on Twitter, that's the only way you can sign-up. Follow @BBBSCalgary for details. JENNIFER LARAWAY

Downward dog for a good cause

Love the yoga? Join thousands of Canadians who will be bending and stretching to raise funds for arthritis and autoimmune disease research this Sunday.

Yoga "mega-sessions" are taking place in 12 cities across Canada, including right here at home. The Calgary mega-session is at Eau Clair Market: Centre Court from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For $5 you contribute to a good cause and even have the option of post-yoga refreshments and massages. Not a bad way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Register through powerofmovement.ca.

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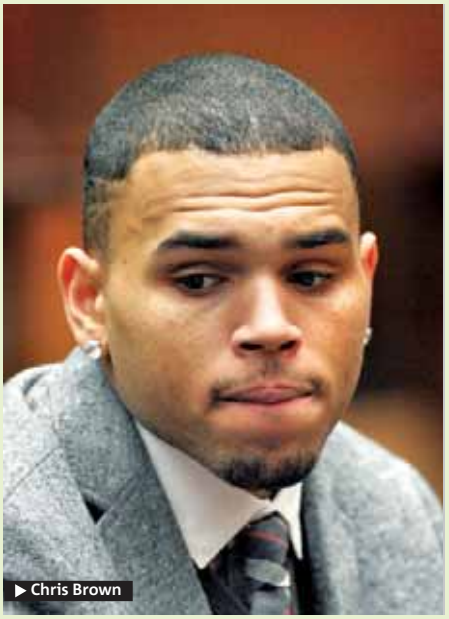
▶ Chris Brown

BACK IN COURT

JUDGE EASES BROWN'S RESTRAINING ORDER

Chris Brown doesn't have to stay away from Rihanna anymore after a judge on Tuesday downgraded a restraining order in the singer's felony assault case.

Superior Court Judge Patricia Schnegg's ruling came after an attorney for Rihanna said she didn't object to removing the stay-away provisions of an order issued after Brown pleaded guilty to beating her in February 2009. The old order required Brown to stay 50 yards away from Rihanna, but the restriction was reduced to 10 yards if they were at a music-industry event.

The judge said she never would have considered relaxing the order without Rihanna's consent and until Brown completed domestic violence counselling. Prosecutors did not object to the change.

Schnegg praised Brown, who was in the court Tuesday and left holding a one-page copy of the new order. She noted he continues to make progress on completing the physical labour requirements of his probation and said the R&B singer does not have to attend a June 22 progress report hearing.

The new order remains in effect until August 2014 when Brown's probation is scheduled to end.

Brown, 21, was charged with felony assault for the February 2009 fight in which he repeatedly struck Rihanna in a rented car after they left a pre-Grammy Awards party. Both entertainers missed that year's awards show, although both have had renewed success in their careers since the incident. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The mother of all marathons

Fleet-footed Dean Karnazes to run coast-to-coast while Live! tracks every step ◐ Ultra-marathoner prepares to take on his greatest challenge

On Friday morning, Dean Karnazes will strike out for New York from his native California. His plan? To run the whole route.

His coast-to-coast pilgrimage calls for Karnazes to be on the run, rain or shine, as much as 14 hours daily covering an average of 80 to 100 kilometres.

He'll be under the watchful eye of Live! With Regis and Kelly, which invited him to make this odyssey and will track his progress every step of the way. After nearly 5,000 kilometres on the road, he will arrive around May 11 in Manhattan, where he will cross the finish line at the Live! studio to be welcomed on the air by co-hosts Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa.

"This is without a doubt the most intense endeavour I've ever undertaken," said the 48-year-old Karnazes, whose list of endurance derring-do includes this breathtaking achievement: 50 marathons in 50 days in all 50 states. (Whereupon, after completing the last one, the New York City Marathon, he headed back toward his San Francisco home, running 2,100 kilometres until, feeling homesick for his wife and two children, he hopped a flight from Missouri.)

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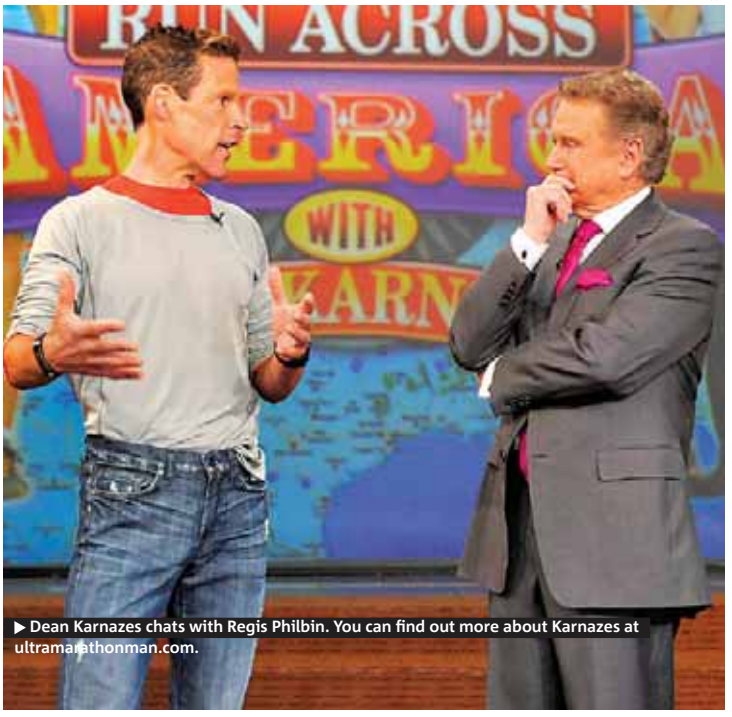

▶ Dean Karnazes chats with Regis Philbin. You can find out more about Karnazes at ultramarathonman.com.

The Planning

A lot goes into running around America

Escorts A vital part of the planning: Arranging police security escorts in every locality and acquiring the proper permits for this high-profile caravan. They have contacted over 97 counties that he will cross through, to let them know that he's coming so they're not caught off guard.

Karnazes will leave Disneyland during Friday's Live! telecast (check local listings for this syndicated show), with Ripa and some 200 other well-wishers seeing him off from the Magic Kingdom.

Then his road trip shifts into overdrive.

"You'd think all he needs is a station wagon to follow him with a bunch of protein bars," said Live! executive producer Michael Gelman. "It's really a lot bigger of that."

The itinerary includes Arizona and New Mexico, then up to the heartland traversing Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, then southeast to the nation's capital, then New York-bound. Mostly sticking to two- or four-lane highways, he will pass through 17 states and the District of Columbia.

Not only is Dean a mega-marathoner, he's also a fitness advocate and author whose latest book, Run! 26.2 Stories of Blisters and Bliss, will be out next week.

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▶ Community airs Thursday nights on Citytv. This was from the animated episode this season.

Strange community

- Producers continue to take risks, keeping Community viewers off guard
- On this week's show, the cast gets a visit from U.S. vice-president

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Things have been getting weird on Community this season. Zombies. Animation. Barenaked Ladies bashing. And don't forget the lesbian make-outs. What's going on with the sophomore sitcom?

"A lot of it is (creator) Dan Harmon and our writers and producers really just continuing to take great risks," says Alison Brie, who plays the naïve, sweet Annie on the college-set comedy.

"And it was us (actors) going forward gung-ho. Dan started to realize that we were willing to do anything he would put in front of us."

Anything includes a recent near-kiss between Brie's character and Britta (played by Gillian Jacobs).

"It wasn't in the script. We just sort of improvised it. And everyone behind the camera was like — yes! It was clearly a bunch of dudes," says Brie.

"It's nice to know that everyone was in support of us getting really incestuous," adds Danny Pudi, who plays Community's pop culture junkie Abed.

For Pudi, the show's second season has been all about finding their characters.

"It's natural that the more you discover each other — where they come from, their lives — the more complicated things get," he says.

"That, by the way, was very similar to my sophomore year in college."

On this week's episode, airing Thursday, the cast cope with the imminent arrival of the U.S. vice-president.

There's also a student election faceoff between Jeff (Joel McHale) and Annie, who comes off a bit more ruthless than you'd expect.

"Oh, she has heart, but she's driven. She definitely has the cut-throat attitude. There's a lot of Hillary Clinton in what Annie is doing. And some Bill Clinton in what Jeff does," says Brie.

"And I play Chelsea Clinton," claims Pudi though, in truth, the episode finds Abed in an encounter with a secret service agent.

"Abed has these side adventures — this other secret life. People are always like, 'What have you been doing this episode? Delivering a baby?'"

Community airs Thursday nights on Citytv.

Community

The lowdown on Community and its who are its characters.

- **The premise** The series is about a group of students at a community college in Colorado. The series heavily uses meta-humour and pop culture references, often parodying film and television clichés and tropes.
- **Cast of characters:** Joel McHale, Gillian Jacobs, Danny Pudi, Yvette Nicole Brown, Alison Brie, Donald Glover, Ken Jeong, Chevy Chase

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Jesse James to pen marriage memoirs

Former husband to Sandra Bullock insists there is a story to be told

Jesse James has signed a deal with Simon & Schuster to publish a tell-all memoir about the demise of his marriage to Sandra Bullock, according to Popeater.

"Jesse has made it clear to his publisher that he has a story that has not been told yet," a source says. "He wants to reveal to America once and for all that you can't blame one person when a marriage falls apart. It takes two people to make a marriage and two people to destroy one."

James' marriage collapsed after it was discovered he'd been cheating on the Oscar-winning actress.

"He's not looking to blame the victim." the source says. METRO

▶ Jesse James says it takes two to destroy a marriage.

Talking points

Bill Ray says he will make things right with Miley

FAMILY. Billy Ray Cyrus is recovering from a week of bad publicity and is looking to put things right with his daughter, he tells People magazine.

"It is all a learning process, and we thank everyone for their support and respect of our privacy as we sort through very important family issues," he says. "It is very important to me to work on mending my family right now."

The singer initially upset daughter Miley Cyrus with a GQ interview during which he said he was "scared for her" and blamed her show, Hannah Montana, for the breakup of his family. Billy Ray was also set to appear on the View this week until Miley put a stop to it. METRO

Lovato back with Wilmer

RELATIONSHIPS. Fresh out of treatment for "emotional and physical issues," Demi Lovato has found a new source of support in former flame and That 70s Show star Wilmer Valderrama, according to Hollyscoop.

The pair has been spotted several times over the last couple of weeks getting cosy, going to the movies and grocery shopping together. METRO

Celebrity tweets

Bob Saget [@bobsaget] If a woman throws a glass of water in your face, it is not an insult... as long as your face was on fire.

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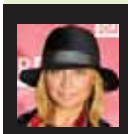

Nicole Richie [@nicolerichie] Same outfit 2 nights in a row. 2 different crowds, no one will ever notice... except I just twittered it. METRO

Lainey's Oscar file

BEST ACTRESS: MICHELLE WILLIAMS

BLUE VALENTINE

Single mother Williams often reads to her daughter, Matilda, in different accents according to the roles she's preparing for in upcoming projects.

She used a Boston accent while working on Shutter Island and even read to Matilda as Marilyn Monroe when she recently played the icon in her next film My Week With Marilyn.

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London calling!

- British catwalks were invaded this February as London Fashion Week swept through the Square Mile
- Take in four fashionista favourites

The inescapable Adele

Fashion month is turning into a game of count the Adele songs. We heard her single Rolling in the Deep, playing at Cynthia Rowley, Costello Tagliapietra and Charlotte Ronson in New York. And her voice surfaced again at Burberry Prorsum in London —this time it was the unreleased track Someone Like You.

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Vogue editor, museum curators pay tribute to McQueen at London Fashion Week

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VIVIENNE WESTWOOD RED LABEL

Held in the Royal Courts of Justice, Vivienne Westwood's punky show featured her mad sense of draping with a wild mix of plaids, pinstripes and colourblocking. But look hard enough at her densely layered ensembles and you'll see some of the most wearable pieces she's shown in quite some time: tailored wide leg trousers for the business meetings, a sexy, off-the-shoulder gold brocade dress for that cocktail gathering and a belted, faux-fur collared cardigan for those Saturdays at the market.

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ACNE

"I am fascinated with the girls in my design studio," said Acne founder Jonny Johansson on his inspiration for his autumn/winter 2011 collection. "My girls are glamorous, but not rich – they are cool." Acne took ideas that sounded over-the-top on paper — gold and silver colour blocked leather trousers, for instance — and rendered them in an understated, clean and modern way. These were luxurious, but unassuming clothes that you can work in from the dusty rose slouchy leather jumpsuits to his goldenrod tailored wool coats.

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MULBERRY

Go-to heritage brand Mulberry looked to the fitting surroundings of the countryside and the traditional British pursuits of shooting, fishing and hunting. The colour palette was autumnal and quaintly English in soft grey, russet and shades of purple – all very practical for a country jaunt. Quilted jackets, macs and shearling sheepskin gilets were nonchalantly thrown over anything and everything from silk blouses, culottes and wool trousers through to eveningwear – it's a style that the posh set do so well.

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ALICE TEMPERLEY

Back in London after a two-year stint in New York and celebrating her 10-year anniversary, Alice Temperley transformed the British Museum into the "Temple of Temperley." Models made a sweeping entrance as they showcased the dramatic and decorative inspiration of the collection, the unraveling Venetian fans. Based on a nude palette of cream, champagne and mink, day wear focused on intricately stitched full skirts and silk twill dresses brought to life with bold digital prints. Undertones of cinnamon, gold specks and Venetian red gave off just the right amount of sparkle.

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2 LFW'S MOST INNOVATIVE

CHRISTOPHER KANE
Plastic dresses

- Christopher Kane pushed boundaries by creating leather tops dyed and printed to mimic the crochet knit skirts and cardigans they were worn with. But the real standouts were his dresses and clutch purses made out of plastic filled with squishy technicolor liquid. He also used it as decorative accents on tailored trousers and at the neckline on knit dresses.

CHRISTOPHER BAILEY
Plastic capes

- Under a shower of real snow, Christopher Bailey sent models down the runway in clear, cropped plastic capes with pert, black trim as the grande finale to his '60s inspired show. They were not only chic, but practical, letting you show off your outfit while staying dry. METRO

IAN GAVAN/GETTY IMAGES

THE GREATS

THE TOP 10 designers ever

We polled our readers in the United States, Canada, Denmark, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands and Portugal to find out their favorite fashion creatives to ever walk the earth. Coco Chanel, naturally, topped the list, while Giorgio Armani somewhat surprisingly followed. But a shocker: Karl Lagerfeld, barely made the cut.

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1 COCO CHANEL

She liberated women from suffocating corsets before feminism was even a word. And nearly a century later, her tweed suit and quilted bag remain timeless, cross-generational examples of chic.

2 GIORGIO ARMANI

He set a new standard for tailoring by which Milan became known and became the go-to guy for Hollywood's starriest celebs from Tom Cruise to Lady Gaga.

3 CHRISTIAN DIOR

His New Look, a full skirt and a jacket with a cinched waist, revolutionized fashion. The silhouette was ground-breaking and the creating a new shape each season sparked our modern trend cycle.

4 YVES SAINT LAURENT

Nearly every contemporary designer did versions of his Le Smoking tuxedo jacket, safari jumpsuit and bold color combos for spring. He also invented ready-to-wear.

5 CALVIN KLEIN

He made denim fashionable and defined minimalism as we know it. Equally important, he is partly responsible for Kate Moss and "Marky Mark" Wahlberg.

6 GIANNI VERSACE

His Baroque prints and gilded accessories defined an era of extravagance in the '90s. He's also credited with sparking the super model era by being the first to pay them outrageous fees.

7 RALPH LAUREN

His iconic polo shirt transformed American sportswear and converted people of all ethnic backgrounds and classes to his WASPy, preppy look.

8 PIERRE CARDIN

He was the first designer to seriously look to space for inspiration with his New Agey, often unisex, designs. You can also thank Cardin for the bubble dress which ruled the '60s and '80s.

9 JEAN-PAUL GAULTIER

His flamboyantly sexy, yet cheeky work is the stuff of pop culture legend thanks to the so-ridiculous-it's-brilliant cone bra he designed for Madonna.

10 KARL LAGERFELD

It's difficult to pin him down to one look. But that's also his strength, capturing the moment, whatever it is, and owning it. He's the last remaining of fashion's old guard couturiers working today.

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Sofas are very important to the living room, yet so many people end up choosing the wrong one

Ruling the room

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The sofa is arguably the most important piece of furniture in the living room — one that most people get wrong when choosing style, size and fabric.

The first thing you must decide is how you are going to use your sofa. Will the sofa be used for entertaining with cocktails, slumbering to watch television or used as an occasional bed for overnight guests?

All of these questions help to define a style that best suits the way you will live with your sofa.

The biggest mistake that people make when buying a sofa is that they buy the wrong size/scale for the space they are putting it in.

"The rule" for purchasing a sofa is that it should be no longer than two-thirds of the width of the room.

This means that if you have a 10-foot by 20-foot room, the sofa should be no larger than two-thirds of 10 feet (6-foot-4 inches).

By making sure the sofa fits along both walls (the "width" wall and the "length" wall), you'll be able to move your furniture around more easily.

▶ When choosing a sofa, ask yourself what its primary use will be. This one looks perfect for lying down on in front of the TV.

The "two-thirds rule" also ensures that you will have space for end tables alongside your sofa.

I suggest rather than purchasing a sectional style sofa, invest in two sofas — sectionals typically only fit in one area of a room, whereas two sofas will give you optimum flexibility to move your furniture around.

If you need lots of seating on a smaller sized sofa then avoid sofas with large, bulky arms.

These arms take up space that could be used for seating.

Tight-back sofas are the most space-efficient, as opposed to deeper sofas, which take up extra space because of their large cushions.

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If you are trying to make your living room look larger, consider purchasing a sofa that is set up in such a way so that you can see underneath it when it is in your living room. An exposed decorative leg style might be better than a skirted base.

The ability to see under the sofa will seemingly elongate the room.

If there is a need to have a sleeper sofa, then keep in mind that they are always much deeper in size. The extra depth is used to contain the pull-out mechanisms.

Also consider adding an electric blow up mattress on top of the pull out. This is an inexpensive way to give your guests an incredibly comfortable night's sleep.

When choosing upholstery fabrics for your sofa, ask yourself this question: Is this the fabric I want to look at for the next 10 years?

Will it be elegant, durable, cosy?

However you plan to use the sofa should indicate the type of fabric being chosen. For instance, a sofa used in a family room might have a durable ultra-suede or chenille covering, whereas one used for a cocktail lounge setting might have a silk damask or finer linen cover.

Got a small space?

Keep the depth of your sofa under 38 inches and the length less than 80 inches. This smaller proportion will help to make the room feel as grand as possible.

Choose a neutral-coloured covering that blends either with the tones of the floor or the walls. This will allow the sofa to be absorbed into the room's decor and not stand out.

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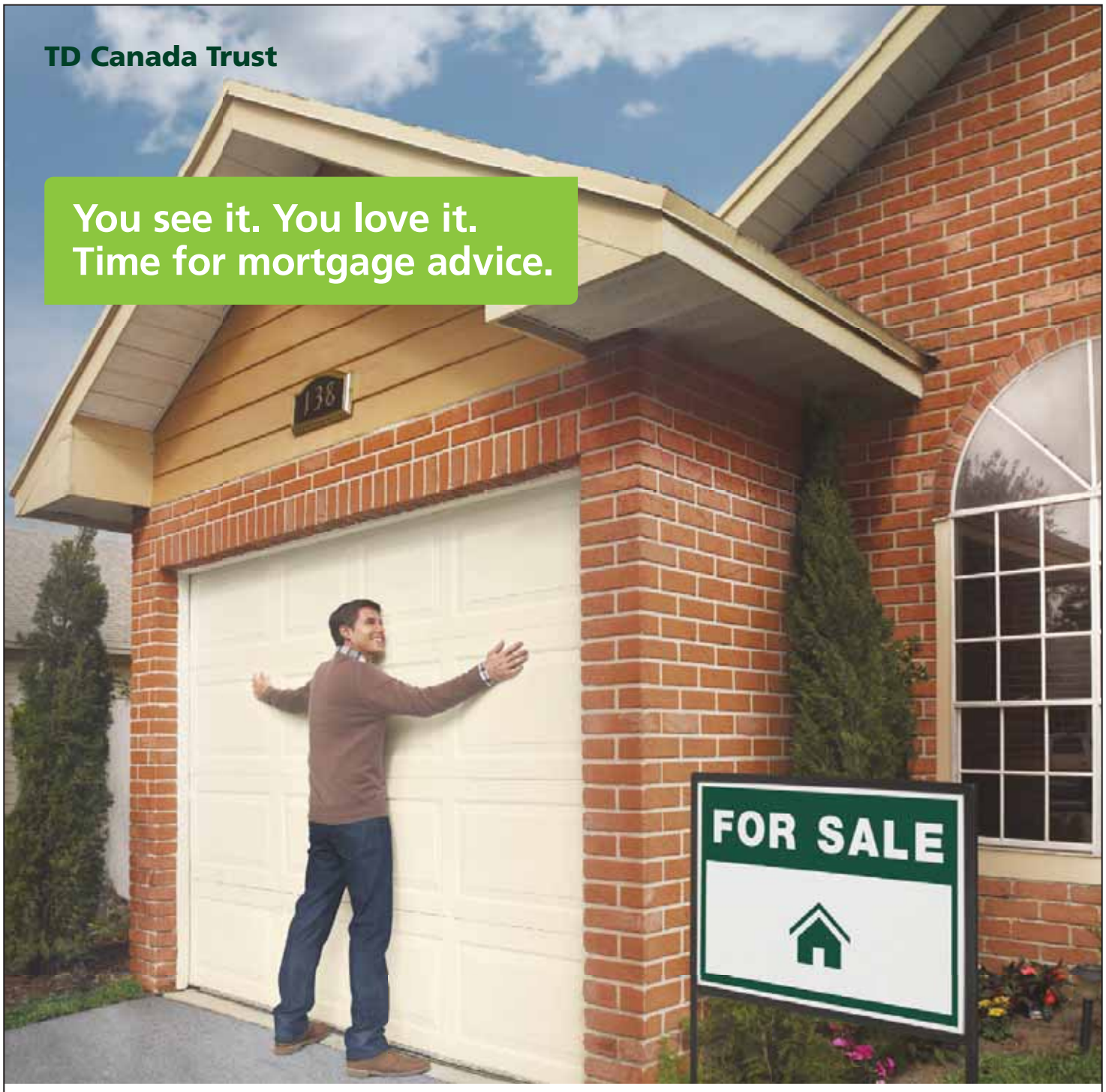

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If your walls have a high-gloss finish, sand them lightly with fine-grit sandpaper to dull the finish.

Vacuum the dust and then, using warm water and soap, wipe down every inch of the area you wish to plaster.

Step 2: First coat
To apply the plaster, use a trowel hand tool. Holding the trowel at a 20- to 30-degree angle, put a small amount of plaster on the wall and spread it around in a wide, circular motion.

Continuing with the same application method, cover the entire wall with a thin coating. Wipe the trowel clean every few minutes to ensure dried pieces of plaster don't scratch the wall.

Step 3: Wait it out
Allow the first coat of plaster to dry for at least four hours, or until the plaster has lightened from its original hue.

Step 4: Second coat
To apply the second coat, hold the trowel at a 90-degree angle and, instead of big sweeping movements, make smaller circles.

Apply more pressure with the trowel to achieve a smoother finish. Fill in any missed areas and allow the coat to dry for at least an hour.

Step 5: Add the shine
Using steel wool, rub the plaster to give it a shine. Keep an even pressure to assure that the gloss is evenly distributed.

Use a moist cloth to wipe down the entire wall to get rid of dust and other plaster particles.

Step 6: The finishing touch
Apply a thin layer of Venetian plaster acrylic top coat with the trowel. Burnish the top coat using the steel wool and wipe the surface down with a dry cloth.

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A hint of Mardi Gras with a healthy twist

These Creole-style red bean burritos use flavours of the Gulf Coast Replace the meat with vegetables

One of appealing things about a burrito is that a range of ingredients can be rolled into one package.

But other less desirable surprises also can lurk inside delicious burritos, especially all those extra fat and calories.

These Creole-style burritos, inspired by the flavours of the Gulf coast, take only about 35 minutes to make and are built with ingredients that make them a lot less fattening

First off, they're vegetarian, eliminating one of the chief culprits behind gut-busting burritos — fatty meat fillings such as beef and pork.

Here, red beans and rice, a Louisiana favourite, bring the heft and some protein to the party. Vegetables make up the rest of this Mardi Gras-inspired wrap. Although this recipe calls for a frozen onion and red pepper stir-fry mix, you can cut up fresh ones at home. A handful of baby spinach adds more colour and nutrients.

And of course, no burrito would be complete without some cheese. We've kept things light by blending full-flavoured, full-fat pepper jack cheese with some lower calorie reduced-fat cheddar. Last but not least, we wrap everything up in a whole-wheat tortilla.

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F).
2. Cook beans and rice according to package directions, substituting broth for the water called for.
3. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, toss together both cheeses. Set aside.
4. In a large skillet over medium-high, combine pepper and onion mix with Cajun seasoning. Cook, stirring often, until vegetables are dry, about 5 minutes. Set aside.
5. Sprinkle 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the cheese blend over each tortilla; there will be about 125 ml (1/2 cup) remaining.
6. Spoon about 75 ml (1/3 cup) of the rice and beans over the bottom two-thirds of each tortilla. Spread about 75 ml (1/3 cup) of the pepper-onion mix over the rice. Pile some of the baby spinach on top of the peppers. Fold in 2 sides of each tortilla and roll up. Arrange burritos, seam side down, in a baking dish. Top each with salsa and some of the remaining cheese.
7. Bake burritos for 15 to 20 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted.

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Ingredients:

- 1 pkg (250 g/8 oz) red beans and rice mix
- 750 ml (3 cups) low-sodium chicken broth
- 250 ml (1 cup) grated pepper jack cheese
- 250 ml (1 cup) grated reduced-fat cheddar cheese
- 1 pkg (500 g/1 lb) pepper and onion stir-fry mix, thawed
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) Cajun seasoning
- 6 burrito-size whole-grain tortillas
- 500 ml (2 cups) fresh baby spinach
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) salsa

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▶ These burritos skip the meat in favour of red beans and vegetables.

4 sports

Anthony embraces challenges

Carmelo Anthony believes it takes a certain kind of person to deal with New York — and he's the one.

"I've been through so much in my short career so far, so for me to deal with you guys on a daily basis, I think it's easy," the all-star forward told reporters at a packed news conference yesterday before his first game with the Knicks.

"Is it going to be an easy transition for me? No. Is it going to be a lot of challenges? Yes. Is it going to be a lot of expectations? Yes. But I'm willing to accept all of them challenges."

The Knicks picked up Anthony from the Nuggets Tuesday in a three-team, 13-player deal with Denver and Minnesota. Hours before his debut against the Milwaukee Bucks, Anthony arrived at Madison Square Garden to get some shots in.

"I felt like I was still coming in just for a shootaround on an opposing team," he said. "It didn't really sink in yet — the fact that I'm a New York Knick. I feel like I'm still dreaming right now."

Anthony, who signed a $65-million US, three-year extension before the deal was completed, will join fellow all-star Amare Stoudemire in the frontcourt, giving the Knicks the potent duo they hoped they could assemble last summer in free agency. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Carmelo Anthony is introduced as a Knick yesterday.

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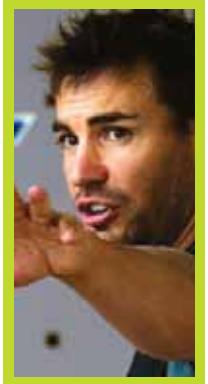

"I've learned over the years to just kind of focus on the things you can control, and all I can control is trying to get myself ready and playing my game in between the lines."

SCOTT PODSEDNIK, WHO CHECKED INTO BLUE JAYS CAMP YESTERDAY HOPING TO PUT A FOOT INJURY BEHIND HIM.

After missing Melo, Nets deal for Deron

Jazz guard biggest name moved on day before NBA trade deadline

The New Jersey Nets finally landed a big-name all-star on a wild day before the trading deadline that left several NBA teams with hard-to-recognize rosters.

The Jazz sent point guard Deron Williams to New Jersey, which stole some attention from the neighbouring Knicks yesterday with Carmelo Anthony making his New York debut that night. Utah received rookie Derrick Favours and point guard Devin Harris.

The Nets also picked up Brandan Wright and Dan Gadzuric from the Golden State Warriors for Troy Murphy, a move that could help New Jersey clear salary space at the end of the season.

The struggling Atlanta Hawks acquired guard Kirk Hinrich from Washington in a five-player trade, upgrading their backcourt for the playoff run. The Hawks also received forward Hilton Armstrong for guard Mike Bibby, rookie guard Jordan Crawford, swingman Maurice Evans and a first-round pick in this year's draft.

The Hornets and Kings agreed on a trade sending forward Carl Landry to New Orleans in exchange for shooting guard Marcus Thornton and cash. The deal gives the playoff-contending Hornets depth in the frontcourt, but at the cost of a popular former LSU star who can score in a flurry.

The Jazz also will receive the Nets' first-round pick in 2011, which could be a lottery pick, along with cash and Golden State's 2012 first-round draft pick.

The deal came two days after the Nets failed to land Anthony from Denver. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ Deron Williams was traded to the Nets yesterday.

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Bad news for Cardinals ace

St. Louis Cardinals ace Adam Wainwright is getting a second opinion on his injured right elbow, which the team fears will require reconstructive surgery.

Team spokesman Brian Bartow said last night that results of MRIs and other tests were being examined by Dr. Lewis Yocum in Los Angeles.

The team anticipated a news conference this afternoon to disclose findings.

2.93 Wainwright's ERA since 2007, which trails only Roy Halladay's.

Wainwright, a 20-game winner and runner-up for the NL Cy Young Award last year, was sent back to St. Louis yesterday for tests and consultation with team physician George Paletta. Earlier in the day, general manager John Mozeliak said "things do not look encouraging" for the right-hander, who injured his elbow while throwing batting practice Monday.

Mozeliak stopped short of saying Wainwright would need season-ending Tommy John surgery.

"I don't want to speculate, but obviously ligament damage, that's usually what it results in," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

Early ouster for Woods

GOLF. The slow road back for Tiger Woods took another detour yesterday when he followed a clutch birdie with a shocking shot into the desert and lost to Thomas Bjorn in the first round of the Match Play Championship.

Royals closer axes nickname

MLB. Kansas City closer Joakim Soria has a nickname he wants no part of.

The Royals pitcher said that "the Mexicutioner" has a negative connotation and is a particularly jarring choice given the drug violence racking Mexico. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	60	39	15	3	3	198	152	84	19-8-1-2	20-7-2-1	6-3-1-0	L1
d-Tampa Bay	60	35	18	3	4	187	188	77	20-7-1-3	15-11-2-1	5-3-0-2	W1
d-Boston	60	34	19	2	5	188	145	75	15-12-1-2	19-7-1-3	5-5-0-0	W3
Pittsburgh	62	36	20	3	3	180	150	78	20-11-2-0	16-9-1-3	3-5-1-1	L3
Washington	61	32	19	5	5	165	153	74	17-7-2-5	15-12-3-0	5-4-0-1	W2
Montreal	61	32	22	4	3	157	156	71	19-7-3-3	13-15-1-0	4-4-0-2	W1
NY Rangers	62	32	26	2	2	172	155	68	14-14-1-2	18-12-1-0	3-6-0-1	W1
Carolina	61	28	24	4	5	177	188	65	15-10-1-2	13-14-3-3	3-4-2-1	L2
Buffalo	59	28	25	6	0	170	172	62	13-15-2-0	15-10-4-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Atlanta	61	25	26	4	6	174	201	60	13-12-1-4	12-14-3-2	2-7-1-0	L4
Toronto	60	26	27	3	4	152	180	59	14-11-3-3	12-16-0-1	6-2-1-1	W1
Florida	60	25	28	3	4	156	168	57	12-11-3-3	13-17-0-1	3-6-1-0	L2
New Jersey	60	26	30	3	1	129	161	56	13-13-2-1	13-17-0-1	9-0-1-0	W8
NY Islanders	61	23	31	3	4	167	198	53	12-14-1-3	11-17-2-1	7-3-0-0	L1
Ottawa	60	20	31	5	4	137	195	49	10-16-2-3	10-15-3-1	3-6-0-1	W2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	61	38	14	4	5	204	145	85	21-5-1-4	17-9-3-1	6-4-0-0	L1
d-Detroit	60	37	17	4	2	202	173	80	17-9-3-1	20-8-1-1	6-4-0-0	L1
d-San Jose	62	35	21	4	2	174	159	76	15-10-2-1	20-11-2-1	9-1-0-0	W5
Phoenix	62	33	20	6	3	178	177	75	15-10-3-2	18-10-3-1	8-2-0-0	L1
Minnesota	60	32	22	1	5	158	156	70	16-12-0-3	16-10-1-2	6-3-0-1	W1
Nashville	60	31	21	5	3	156	143	70	14-6-4-3	17-15-1-0	4-4-1-1	L2
Calgary	62	31	23	3	5	186	178	70	18-10-1-2	13-13-2-3	6-2-1-1	L1
Los Angeles	59	32	23	2	2	163	142	68	17-9-1-0	15-14-1-2	6-1-1-2	L2
Anaheim	60	32	24	2	2	169	178	68	17-9-0-1	15-15-2-1	6-4-0-0	L3
Chicago	60	31	23	2	4	191	169	68	18-14-0-0	13-9-3-3	5-3-0-2	W2
Dallas	60	31	23	2	4	164	172	68	17-9-2-3	14-14-0-1	1-8-1-0	L5
Columbus	59	30	23	3	3	163	175	66	15-13-0-2	15-10-3-1	6-3-0-1	W2
St. Louis	59	27	23	4	5	166	176	63	18-10-1-3	9-13-3-2	5-3-1-1	L2
Colorado	61	26	28	7	0	178	210	59	14-15-4-0	12-13-3-0	1-8-1-0	L1
Edmonton	61	20	33	1	7	156	203	48	10-17-1-3	10-16-1-3	5-5-0-0	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Buffalo 4 Atlanta 1
Ottawa 5 Florida 1
San Jose 3 Pittsburgh 2 (OT)
Tampa Bay 8 Phoenix 3
Edmonton 5 Colorado 1
Los Angeles at Anaheim
Tuesday's results
Montreal 3 Vancouver 2
Toronto 2 N.Y. Islanders 1
Boston 3 Calgary 1
Minnesota 4 Edmonton 1
Colorado 4 St. Louis 3
Columbus 4 Nashville 0
New Jersey 1 Dallas 0
N.Y. Rangers 4 Carolina 3 (SO)
Phoenix 3 Philadelphia 2 (OT)
San Jose 4 Detroit 3
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Nashville, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

SENATORS 5, PANTHERS 1

First Period
1. Ottawa, Butler 4 (Greening, Foligno) 11:13
Penalties — Hordichuk Fla, Lessard Ott (fighting) 2:49, Stillman Fla (interference) 4:08, Skille Fla (hooking) 6:12, Benoit Ott (holding) 8:07, Kovalev Ott (high-sticking) 15:23, Carkner Ott (tripping) 16:28, Olesz Fla (holding) 19:28.
Second Period
2. Ottawa, Shannon 6 (Spezza, Kuba) 0:36 (pp)
3. Florida, Higgins 11 (Clemmensen) 4:18
4. Ottawa, Butler 5, 10:38
Penalty — Carkner Ott (roughing) 4:38.
Third Period
5. Ottawa, Michalek 15 (Carkner, Spezza) 16:49
6. Ottawa, Spezza 11 (Shannon, Kuba) 18:38
Penalties — Dvorak Fla (tripping) 1:19, Clemmensen Fla (delay of game, served by Booth) 6:03, Smith Ott (high-sticking) 11:31, Ellerby Fla (tripping) 13:41.
Shots

Florida	7	9	8—24
Ottawa	11	8	15—34

Goal — Florida: Clemmensen (L,6-6-3); Ottawa: Anderson (W,15-15-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Florida: 0-5; Ottawa: 1-6.
Att. — 16,520 (19,153) at Ottawa.

OILERS 5, AVALANCHE 1

First Period
1. Edmonton, Penner 21 (Horcoff, Hemsky) 14:17 (pp)
Penalty — Porter Col (high-sticking) 13:48.
Second Period
2. Edmonton, Gagner 13 (Paajarvi, R.Jones) 7:08
3. Edmonton, Hall 21 (Eberle, Gilbert) 15:49 (pp)
4. Colorado, Hejduk 19 (Duchene, Liles) 17:36 (pp)
Penalties — Peckham Edm (hooking) 7:46, Horcoff Edm (hooking) 10:24, Dupuis Col (roughing) 14:09, Vandermeer Edm (cross-checking) 16:32.
Third Period
5. Edmonton, Eberle 14 (Cogliano, Peckham) 11:08
6. Edmonton, Foster 5 (Gilbert, Hall) 12:55
Penalties — Eberle Edm (hooking) 1:55, McLeod Col (high-sticking) 14:44.
Shots

Edmonton	3	13	15—31
Colorado	13	16	10—39

Goal — Edmonton: Dubnyk (W,8-7-6); Colorado: B.Elliott (L,13-20-8). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 2-3; Colorado: 1-4.
Att. — 14,801 (18,007) at Denver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	32	46	78
Stamkos, TB	40	35	75
H.Sedin, Vcr	15	58	73
St. Louis, TB	20	49	69
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Perry, Ana	30	36	66
Zetterberg, Det	18	48	66
B.Richards, Dal	24	39	63
Ovechkin, Wash	24	38	62
E.Staal, Car	27	31	58
Iginla, Cal	25	33	58
Kesler, Vcr	33	24	57
Nash, Clb	29	26	55
Giroux, Pha	21	34	55
Toews, Chi	20	35	55

Not including last night's games

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

Group A

	MP	W	T	L	Pt
Australia	1	1	0	0	2
New Zealand	1	1	0	0	2
Pakistan	1	1	0	0	2
Sri Lanka	1	1	0	0	2
Canada	**1**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**0**
Zimbabwe	1	0	0	1	0
Kenya	2	0	0	2	0

Group B

	MP	W	T	L	Pt
England	1	1	0	0	2
India	1	1	0	0	2
Ireland	0	0	0	0	0
South Africa	0	0	0	0	0
West Indies	0	0	0	0	0
Bangladesh	1	0	0	1	0
Netherlands	1	0	0	1	0

Yesterday's result
At Hambantota, Sri Lanka
Pakistan (317 for seven) def. Kenya (112, all out) by 205 runs.

GOLF

MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

At Marana, Ariz.
First Round
Seeds in Parentheses
Stewart Cink (53), U.S., def. Ian Poulter (12), England, 19 holes.
Y.E. Yang (44), South Korea, def. Alvaro Quiros (21), Spain, 20 holes.
Ernie Els (11), South Africa, def. Jeff Overton (54), 19 holes.
J.B. Holmes (22), U.S., def. Camilo Villegas (43), Colombia, 4 and 2.
Luke Donald (9), England, def. Charley Hoffman (56), U.S., 6 and 5.
Edoardo Molinari (24), Italy, def. Martin Laird (41), Scotland, 3 and 2.
Ryan Palmer (55), U.S., def. Jim Furyk (10), U.S., 2 up.
Miguel Angel Jimenez (23), Spain, def. Yuta Ikeda (42), Japan, 2 and 1.
Graeme McDowell (5), Northern Ireland, def. Heath Slocum (60), U.S., 4 and 3.
Ross Fisher (37), England, def. Robert Allenby (28), Australia, 4 and 3.
Paul Casey (6), England, def. Richard Green (59), Australia, 19 holes.
Jason Day (38), Australia, def. K.T. Kim (27), South Korea, 3 and 2.
Matteo Manassero (57), Italy, def. Steve Stricker (8), U.S., 2 and 1.
Charl Schwartzel (25), South Africa, def. Ryo Ishikawa (40), Japan, 20 holes.
Rory McIlroy (7), Northern Ireland, def. Jonathan Byrd (58), U.S., 4 and 2.
Ben Crane (39), U.S., def. Adam Scott (26), Australia, 4 and 2.
Matt Kuchar (13), U.S., def. Anders Hansen (52), Denmark, 22 holes.
Bo Van Pelt (45), U.S., def. Louis Oosthuizen (20), South Africa, 2 up.
Mark Wilson (51), U.S., def. Dustin Johnson (14), U.S., 19 holes.
Bubba Watson (19), U.S., def. Bill Haas (46), U.S., 3 and 2.
K.J. Choi (49), South Korea, def. Retief Goosen (16), South Africa, 1 up.
Ryan Moore (48), U.S., def. Francesco Molinari (17), Italy, 3 and 1.
Robert Karlsson (15), Sweden, def. Hiroyuki Fujita (50), Japan, 5 and 3.
Hunter Mahan (18), U.S., def. Sean O'Hair (47), U.S., 4 and 3.
Phil Mickelson (4), U.S., def. Brendan Jones (61), Australia, 6 and 5.
Rickie Fowler (29), U.S., def. Peter Hanson (36), Sweden, 1 up.
Thomas Bjorn (62), Denmark, def. Tiger Woods (3), U.S., 19 holes.
Geoff Ogilvy (30), Australia, def. Padraig Harrington (35), Ireland, 4 and 3.
Lee Westwood (1), England, def. Henrik Stenson (64), Sweden, 3 and 2.
Nick Watney (32), U.S., def. Anthony Kim (33), U.S., 5 and 4.
Martin Kaymer (2), Germany, def. Seung-yul Noh (63), South Korea, 7 and 6.
Justin Rose (34), England, def. Zach Johnson (31), U.S., 2 and 1

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

LEAGUE OFFICE — Announced the retirements of umpires Jerry Crawford, Mike Reilly and Chuck Meriwether.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
HOUSTON ASTROS — Agreed to terms with RHP Cesar Carrillo, INF Matt Downs and RHP Lance Pendleton on one-year contracts.

BASKETBALL

NBA

UTAH JAZZ — Traded G Deron Williams to New Jersey for G Devin Harris, F Derrick Favors and first-round draft picks in 2011 and 2012.

FOOTBALL

NFL

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed DE Paul Spicer to a one-day contract and announced his retirement. Designated TE Marcedes Lewis their franchise player.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Signed LB LaMarr Woodley to a one-year franchise tender offer.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Named Michael Christianson coordinator of football information technology/offensive quality control coach.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed RB Chris Henry to a one-year contract.

HOCKEY

NHL

NHLPA — Named Mathieu Schneider special assistant to the executive director.
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Recalled G Ray Emery from Syracuse (AHL).
ATLANTA THRASHERS — Reassigned LW Michael Forney from Gwinnett (ECHL) to Chicago (AHL).
OTTAWA SENATORS — Recalled F Jim O'Brien from Binghamton (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed F Matt Hendricks to a two-year contract extension.

AHL

TORONTO MARLIES — Assigned F Matt Caruana and F Dale Mitchell to Reading (ECHL).

SOCCER

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Second Round
ROUND OF 16
FIRST LEG
Yesterday's results
Inter Milan (Italy) 0 Bayern Munich (Germany) 1
Marseille (France) 0 Manchester United (England) 0

EUROPA LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND

SECOND LEG
Yesterday's results
FC Porto (Portugal) 0 Sevilla (Spain) 1 (aggregate 2-2; Porto advances on away goals)

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal 1 Stoke 0

ITALY

SERIE A

Yesterday's results
Bologna 0, Roma 1, comp. of susp. game, Jan. 30

CURLING

2011 SCOTTIES TOURNAMENTS OF HEARTS

At Charlottetown

Province (Skip)	W	L
Saskatchewan (Holland)	8	1
Canada (J.Jones)	6	3
Ontario (Homan)	6	3
Alberta (Kleibrink)	6	3
Nova Scotia (Smith-Dacey)	6	3
B.C. (K.Scott)	5	4
P.E.I. (Birt)	4	5
New Brunswick (A.Kelly)	3	6
Quebec (Larouche)	3	6
NWT/Yukon (Galusha)	3	6
Manitoba (Overton-Clapham)	3	6
N.L. (S.Devereaux)	1	8

Yesterday's results
Draw 12
Alberta 9 Quebec 4
British Columbia 4 Prince Edward Island 3
Canada 7 Ontario 4
Saskatchewan 10 Newfoundland & Labrador 2
Draw 13
Alberta 7 New Brunswick 3
Manitoba 10 Ontario 6
Northwest/Yukon Territories 7 Prince Edward Island 6 (extra end)
Nova Scotia 7 Saskatchewan 4
Draw 14
British Columbia 7 Northwest/Yukon Territories 2
Manitoba 8 Canada 6
New Brunswick 8 Quebec 5
Nova Scotia 11 Newfoundland & Labrador 3
Tuesday's results
Ninth Draw
Canada 10 British Columbia 2
Northwest/Yukon Territories 7 New Brunswick 4
Nova Scotia 8 Manitoba 7 (extra end)
Quebec 10 Newfoundland & Labrador 6
Draw 10
British Columbia 7 Quebec 5
Prince Edward Island 7 Alberta 5
Canada 10 Newfoundland & Labrador 4
Saskatchewan 8 Ontario 5
Draw 11
Alberta 6 Manitoba 5
Ontario 8 New Brunswick 1
Prince Edward Island 6 Nova Scotia 3
Saskatchewan 9 Northwest/Yukon Territories 7
Today's games
Draw 15, 8:30 a.m.
Prince Edward Island vs. Manitoba; Alberta vs. Nova Scotia; Saskatchewan vs. New Brunswick; Northwest/Yukon Territories vs. Ontario.
Draw 16, 1:30 p.m.
Quebec vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories; British Columbia vs. New Brunswick; Canada vs. Nova Scotia; Manitoba vs. Newfoundland & Labrador.
Draw 17, 6:30 p.m.
Saskatchewan vs. British Columbia; Ontario vs. Quebec; Prince Edward Island vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Canada vs. Alberta.

LACROSSE

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Toronto	9	7	2	.778	101	78	—
Boston	9	6	3	.667	99	81	1
Buffalo	7	4	3	.571	78	67	2
Rochester	8	4	4	.500	72	87	2½
Philadelphia	8	4	4	.500	69	81	2½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Calgary	8	5	3	.625	91	89	—
Minnesota	8	4	4	.500	80	74	1
Washington	9	4	5	.444	115	108	1½
Edmonton	8	2	6	.250	84	97	3
Colorado	8	1	7	.125	70	94	4

WEEK EIGHT
Saturday's games
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	41	14	.745	—
d-Miami	42	15	.737	—
d-Chicago	38	17	.691	3
Orlando	36	22	.621	6½
Atlanta	34	23	.596	8
New York	29	26	.527	12
Philadelphia	28	29	.491	14
Indiana	26	30	.464	15½
Charlotte	25	32	.439	17
Milwaukee	22	35	.386	20
Detroit	21	38	.356	22
New Jersey	17	40	.298	25
Toronto	16	42	.276	26½
Washington	15	41	.268	26½
Cleveland	10	47	.175	32

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	47	10	.825	—
Dallas	41	16	.719	6
d-L.A. Lakers	39	19	.672	8½
d-Oklahoma City	36	20	.643	10½
New Orleans	34	25	.576	14
Portland	32	24	.571	14½
Denver	33	25	.569	14½
Memphis	32	27	.542	16
Utah	31	27	.534	16½
Phoenix	28	27	.509	18
Houston	28	31	.475	20
Golden State	26	30	.464	20½
L.A. Clippers	21	37	.362	26½
Sacramento	14	41	.255	32
Minnesota	13	45	.224	34½

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Last night's results
Houston 124 Cleveland 119
Philadelphia 117 Washington 94
San Antonio 109 Oklahoma City 105
Indiana 102 Detroit 101
Sacramento 111 Orlando 105
Toronto 118 Chicago 113
New York 114 Milwaukee 108
Memphis 104 Minnesota 95
Dallas 118 Utah 99
Phoenix 105 Atlanta 97
New Orleans 98 L.A. Clippers 87
L.A. Lakers at Portland
Tuesday's results
Charlotte 114 Toronto 101
Indiana 113 Washington 96
Houston 108 Detroit 100
Miami 117 Sacramento 97
Milwaukee 94 Minnesota 88
Oklahoma City 111 L.A. Clippers 88
Denver 120 Memphis 107
Boston 115 Golden State 93
L.A. Lakers 104 Atlanta 80
Tonight's games
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

RAPTORS 118, BULLS 113

CHICAGO (113)
Deng 7-16 3-3 19, Boozer 9-20 6-8 24, Noah 3-7 1-2 7, Rose 8-22 14-16 32, Bogans 1-2 0-0 3, Brewer 4-5 3-4 11, Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Gibson 2-8 2-2 6, Watson 2-3 1-2 6, Korver 1-2 0-0 3, Asik 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-87 30-37 113.
TORONTO (118)
J.Johnson 2-4 5-6 9, A.Johnson 8-8 1-1 17, Bargnani 7-19 10-11 24, Calderon 3-5 0-0 6, DeRozan 8-17 8-8 24, Weems 4-5 4-4 12, Davis 3-4 3-3 9, Barbosa 6-8 1-1 13, Bayless 0-1 0-0 0, Ajinca 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 43-74 32-34 118.

Chicago	29	29	23	32	113
Toronto	25	30	30	33	118

3-Point Goals—Chicago 7-15 (Deng 2-6, Rose 2-6, Korver 1-1, Bogans 1-1, Watson 1-1), Toronto 0-5 (Calderon 0-1, J.Johnson 0-1, Bargnani 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 50 (Noah 16), Toronto 39 (Bargnani 8). Assists—Chicago 19 (Rose 10), Toronto 29 (Calderon 17). Total Fouls—Chicago 22, Toronto 26. Technicals—Chicago defensive three second. A—18,105 (19,800) at Toronto.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	51	486	401	1465	28.7
James, MIA	55	503	362	1439	26.2
Stoudemire, NYK	53	521	333	1384	26.1
Wade, MIA	53	477	344	1343	25.3
Anthony, DEN	50	437	343	1259	25.2

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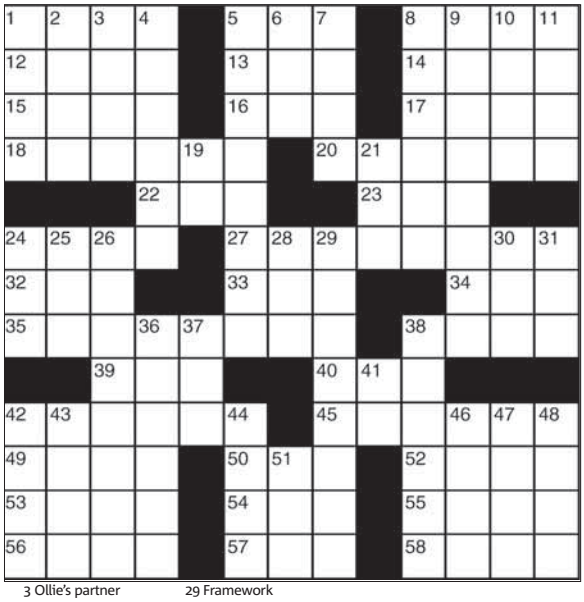

Across

1 Frisbee, e.g.
5 Dance syllable
8 Somewhere out there
12 Busy with
13 "— Town"
14 Acrimony
15 Cicatrix
16 Ran into
17 "Yeah, right!"
18 Victorian vehicle
20 America's Cup entries
22 — out a living
23 18-Across, e.g.
24 Cardholder's woe
27 Drought-stricken region
32 In olden times
33 Category
34 Court
35 Gridiron event
38 Bend
39 Actor Chaney
40 Writer Buscaglia
42 Confine
45 Sign up
49 Invitation abbr.
50 Stern-ward
52 Lavish affection (on)
53 Sheltered
54 Bill and —
55 Rams' mates
56 Information
57 Barbie's companion
58 Engrossed

Down

1 Plate
2 Erstwhile Peruvian
3 Ollie's partner
4 Old-style foundation
5 — dell'arte
6 Shade
7 Bohemi-an
8 1981 Genesis album
9 No-privacy situation
10 Settled down
11 "Zebras"
19 Fine
21 Performance
24 Slight touch
25 "I" strain?
26 Impress
28 Einstein's birthplace
29 Framework
30 Travail
31 Bagel topper
36 Cut off
37 Wildebeest
38 Dossier
41 Type measure
42 Animal stomach
43 Scandinavian city
44 Prepare to travel
46 "The Music Man" locale
47 Dance lesson
48 Criterion
51 Adversary

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	3	6	7		8			9
		5	3	6	1			
	4		9					
		9				8	7	6
2	1	8				3		
					9		5	
			1	3	6	7		
7			8		2	6	3	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

8	7	4	5	1	6	2	3	9
6	1	3	9	7	2	5	8	4
9	5	2	3	4	8	1	7	6
4	9	8	6	2	1	7	5	3
1	2	7	4	3	5	6	9	8
5	3	6	7	8	9	4	2	1
7	8	1	2	9	4	3	6	5
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Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Be honest with yourself about the way a relationship is developing – or not. It's not your fault if it doesn't work out. It's not anyone fault. Put it down to experience, and move on.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Friends and work colleagues will be impressed by your ability to stay calm when everyone else seems to be losing their cool. You don't have to raise your voice to be heard.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Don't back down if someone in authority gives you a hard time today. Stay calm but at the same time, give as good as you get. There's nothing he or she can do to hurt you. Let him or her know you're not afraid.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 What happens today will remind you that there purpose to your life. Others can choose to believe that nothing really matters if they wish, but you know it isn't true.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Keep your money in your pocket today. If you are not very careful, you will be shocked how easy it is to waste your hard-earned cash on things you don't really need. Be as thrifty as you can.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Don't worry too much if you exchange some less than kind words with a partner or relative today because it's no big deal. Everyone falls out once in a while, even those who love one another.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Stick to the facts today. If you exaggerate, your rivals will find out and make a big deal of it. Why would you want to make yourself look more important anyway? You're perfect as you are.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You are full of energy and eager to get started on your latest world-beating project. But it might be a good idea to check the details again, in case there you've missed something.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Be careful what you say today because your words will be taken seriously, perhaps more than you intend. Any promises you make will have to be honoured, even if you make them in jest.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 It's good that you are confident in yourself, but don't take too much for granted or you could make a costly mistake. Travel plans are not as clear-cut as you appear to believe. Expect delays and disruptions.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't waste your time on activities that do not bring measurable results. Others may find you a bit too materialistic but that's their problem — you have bills to pay.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Don't think you have to explain yourself every time you do something differently. Life is an adventure or it is nothing and there is no reason to play it safe. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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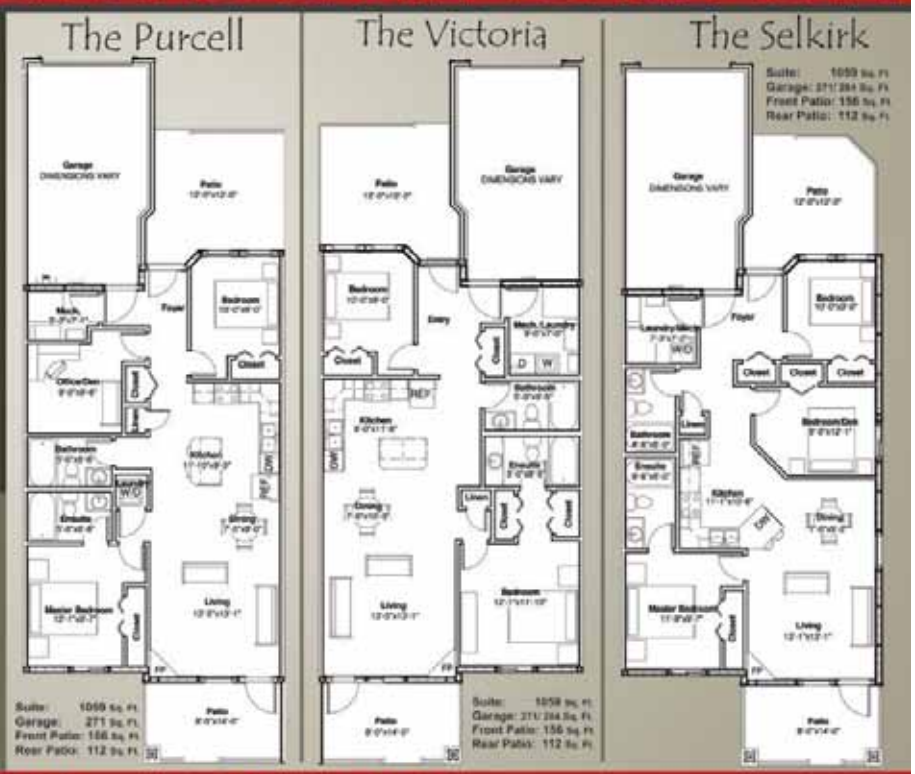

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